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Drilling Delayed.

We had hoped to have to record this week the completion of the town gas well, but an unexpected delay has occurred which has prolonged the operation of drilling for a few days.

Under the contract, the drillers only leave in the hole the ten and six inch pipe, drawing out the thirteen inch. The larger pipe refuses to be drawn and has made considerable trouble for the men at the well. It is believed, however, that the difficulty will be overcome either today or tomorrow, allowing the well to be drilled in Monday or Tuesday. We are assured that ample notice will be given the townspeople so that those who can do so may be present upon the auspicious occasion.

A subscription was taken up this week among the business men and sufficient money was subscribed to furnish refreshments for all those who are on the ground and witness the drilling.

Judgment Reserved in Gas Case.

Lively Tilt in Court.

A case of provincial importance was heard before His Honor Judge Jackson, in district court, on Friday of last week at Lethbridge, when the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light and Power Co. appeared from an assessment of the rural municipality of Bow Island upon 2,400 acres for \$20,000, which at the rate of 14-10 mills would have netted the municipality a neat sum. The country of course only the right of the municipality to assess at all and when the court adjourned it was to permit counsel to submit written argument on that point.

Mr. J. B. Roberts, of the firm of Longhead, Bennett & Co., represented the Gas Co., and Mr. A. E. Dunlop, of Shepherd & Dunlop, represented the municipality. Mr. Eugene Code, president of the company, gave evidence

for the company and had several sharp clashes with Mr. Dunlop, who seemed to think the witness was too evasive. Several times Mr. Dunlop remarked "and do you expect the court to believe that?"

In the examination, Mr. Dunlop was least on making Mr. Code place an actual marketable valuation on a well, but could not get him to admit more than cost of construction and the government tax of \$80 an acre.

In his second evidence Mr. Code said the company's valuation of the entire plant from Bow Island to Calgary is \$9,474,000. That includes everything. Of this amount \$4,500,000 is chargeable to plant and pipe lines, leaving \$5,000,000 valuation for franchises and the right to bore. The boring rights were fixed at \$200,000 and on this figure and the 60,000 acres the company has leased, Mr. Code estimated the assessable value at \$83 an acre, if the right to assess is conceded.

Mr. Dunlop contended that the company should not use the 60,000 acres as the basis of valuation. There are 15 wells operating in the rural municipality and the assessor had only assessed on 2400 acres, although there were 20,000 acres of the lease in that municipality. The assessor only assessed visible value. He reached his basis of \$40,000 a well on the fact that the company had refused to sell the incorporated town of Bow Island a well for \$50,000, and he thought \$40,000 a fair valuation.

Judge Jackson remarked if the assessment were admitted he would not assess such a sum. Mr. J. W. Campbell, clerk of the municipality, and Mr. Werts, secretary-treasurer, were present, and in conversation, said that all the municipality wanted was fair play and to ascertain just what their rights were. Judge Jackson, during the case said, he was not going to let the municipality make the company bear all the burden of taxation.

Mr. A. E. Dunlop, for the rural municipality, then took Mr. Code in hand. Witness admitted that Bow Island wells are better gas than those

at Medicine Hat. In applying for leases it was based on knowledge of the existence of gas after experiment. The company to the best of its knowledge applied for the best spots it could get.

What Mr. Dunlop was after and what he got Mr. Code to admit was that he was the best gas expert in this part of the world located on the best sections, if Bow Island had approached the company to buy a well they couldn't buy one. The wells were not for sale. In valuing the cost of digging a well at \$30,000, all he valued was work, casing and the use of machinery. Having accepted the equipment will last from 10 to 20 years.

Pressed for a sale price for well No. One, with a capacity of 10,000,000 feet of gas a day Mr. Code persisted in saying it was not for sale. The judge, however, intimated that he would like to hear a value and Mr. Code

again answered the cost of putting it in and government charges. Mr. Dunlop expressed doubt as to the credence in the statement and started in on another tack. He wanted to know the value of 1000 cubic feet at the well. Under pressure the witness said 30 cents for 1000 cubic feet at the well. "If the ten million feet were sold, the capacity of the well would be 300,000 a day," said counsel.

Considerable heated conversation passed between Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Code and counsel then asked:

"Here is a well producing 2,500,000 feet every 24 hours. Is it worth more than a well producing 1,250,000 feet?"

Mr. Code: "No."

Mr. Dunlop: "Do you expect the court to believe that?"

Continuing the examination of Eugene Code in the Bow Island natural gas assessment case Mr. Dunlop made further effort to get a valuation of the

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Oil and gas prospects in Canada's Western provinces are treated by Mr. Wyatt Maholin in a monograph of the Department of Mines, Ottawa. Mr. Wyatt summarizes his investigation follows:

The plains of Western Canada are underlain by a great body of sediments, nearly horizontal in attitude, and resting on a pre-Cambrian base. The eastern contact between the pre-Cambrian rocks and the latter formation is a generally north-south direction from Lake Manitoba past Athabasca, Great Slave, and Great Bear Lakes. In the eastern part of the plains a great unconformity exists between the Palaeozoic systems, consisting of shales and sandstones, that we find the Dakota sandstone of the Cretaceous system resting directly upon limestones of the Devonian system. The Palaeozoic strata are exposed by faulting in the Rocky Mountains, and most of the later sediments have been eroded, only traces of the lower members being left. In the west, deposition during Carboniferous, Triassic, and Jurassic times has to a great extent bridged over the unconformity seen in the east, and the geological column is complete, formations found in nearly all the great systems, from the Cambrian to the Recent. In Western Alberta and in some parts of South Saskatchewan the Cretaceous sediment are overlain by Tertiary deposits. Overlying all is a mantle of unconsolidated Pleistocene and Recent deposits.

Little has been done yet to test the gas and oil possibilities of the district. A few wells have been sunk, and in a number of these gas in commercial quantities has been struck. Prospecting for oil has been less successful. Prospecting for oil has been carried on in two different directions. In the north, near the head of the Bow River, near the mouth of the Athabasca and its tributaries, is impregnated with a bituminous substance believed to be a petroleum product, and it is thought that liquid petroleum exists in this porous rock at some distance from the surface. To test the validity of this belief, several wells were drilled during the winter to the Dominion Government at Victoria, on the Saskatchewan, at Athabasca Landing, and at the mouth of the Pelican river. In the first two wells the Dakota sandstone was not reached, while in the last it was reached at a depth of 120 feet, penetrated about 87 feet, and found to carry mottled or heavy tarry petroleum.

Prospecting for gas has been much more encouraging. The boring at the mouth of the Pelican river, although disappointing so far as oil is concerned, proved the presence of a great reservoir of gas in the Dakota sandstone, and heavy flows were struck at 80, 100, and 607 feet. In Southern Alberta, also, gas has been found in paying quantities. A good field exists at Medicine Hat, and flows have been obtained at several different points west of that city. At Bow Island a flow of several million feet is obtained.

Thus, while the presence of oil in commercial quantities remains to be proved, boring operations have demonstrated beyond a doubt the existence of large reservoirs of natural gas, and it seems probable that further exploratory work throughout the wide area underlain by the Cretaceous rocks should lead to the discovery of other reservoirs.

It is believed that the Devonian limestones is the source of the gas and petroleum products of Northern Alberta, while the porous Dakota sandstone forms the reservoir into which

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company's property. Mr. Dunlop wanted to know if it was necessary to cut several wells out of the fourteen now located. Which would be cut out, the smaller or large ones.

After considerable discussion witnesses admitted the small ones would be cut out.

"Hasty," said Mr. Dunlop, "the large ones would be worth more money."

Coming back to values, Mr. Cote repeated that the wells were not worth the cost of construction.

Mr. Dunlop—"Very well then, if Bow Island assessed you \$20,000 on each well that would be right."

Mr. Cote—"888, what we pay the government. The \$20,000 represents improvements."

Mr. Dunlop here asked the court to adjourn the case until he could get a gas expert to ascertain some value for these wells. All he could get out of the witness, the president of the company, was that property worth a million dollars was only worth what they put into it and \$88, it was wasting time. It was necessary to get some idea of the assessments.

A lengthy dialogue followed between the court and Mr. Roberts, who quoted several Ontario decisions to show that gas is an air thing not a mineral, and that in Bell telephone and other cases, lines and other plant are valuable as "plant."

The court refused to admit any "junk" basis for an argument despite what the Ontario court may have decided, and on Mr. Roberts learning that the court wanted some evidence as to value, Mr. Cote was permitted to return to the box and be sworn to a valuation of \$20 an acre, based on the value of boring rights and the total acreage under lease.

Mr. Dunlop after consultation with Mr. West, expressed his willingness to leave the valuation with the court, argued briefly in contending that the assessment assessed was too much, but that the balance of the lease, as all the company's visible value was in the rural municipality of Bow Island.

Bow Island is organized under the new rural municipality act and this is the first case of the kind that has arisen and it will therefore establish a valuable precedent.

It will be a week before arguments are in and it will likely be two weeks before judgment is delivered.

WEDDING.

On Wednesday, October 8th, at the farm of John F. Bown, of Burdett, at eleven o'clock in the morning, there was a pretty double wedding in which Rev. Father Muir of Lethbridge united in the bonds of holy matrimony Miss Elnora Kimmitt to Leo Bown and Miss Della Walker to Vincent Bown.

Henry Bown and Steve Halpin supported the grooms and Miss Megie and Regina Bown assisted the brides.

The brides were attired in pretty travelling suits of brown while the bridesmaids wore dresses of pale blue silk, each carrying dainty bouquets of roses and carnations.

At one o'clock the entire party set out to a sumptuous wedding feast.

Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Bown, the day was passed as quietly as possible and only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. A large number of friends, however, wish the respective couples every happiness and prosperity throughout their married life.

they have risen and in which they have been obtained by the everlasting thine. The Dakota sandstone is the productive formation at the mouth of the Pelican river, and it is also believed to be the gas-bearing formation at Bow Island, in Southern Alberta. As the Devonian limestones and Dakota sandstone are of wide distribution, and probably underlie the western part of Manitoba and a great part of Saskatchewan and Alberta, the prospects for the discovery of other gas fields seem favorable. On account of the great thickness of sediments overlying these formations, the driller, however, must be prepared to go to a depth of 1,000 feet.

News of the District

FLOWERY PLAINS.

A hot social and concert will be given in Flowery Plains Schoolhouse on October 31st. Ladies! Be sure to come and enjoy plans, as a good time is expected.

Lewis Hurlbut and Miss Baker spent Sunday with the former's parents.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held at Flowery Plains the first Sunday in November. Everyone heartily invited.

Rev. Mr. Wilken visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut on Sunday.

People are busy getting in their winter supply of coal.

What about the stable for the schoolhouse? Does anybody know anything about it?

SUPPER at WINNIFRED.

A very enjoyable supper was given by the members of the Winnifred Ladies' Aid on Monday evening last. It was tasty and extremely well served and everyone enjoyed it immensely. After supper a short but excellent program was carried out.

This consisted of the following songs:—
Pianoforte Solo - Miss Munn Song - Miss Cornelia McFarlane Reading - Rev. M. L. Wright Song - "The Hope" - Mr. J. H. Shaver Address - Miss Pike Song - Mr. J. H. Shaver Song - Mr. J. H. Shaver

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